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Weſtminſter, February 13.

HER Majeſty came this Day to the Houſe of Peers; and being in Her Royal Robes ſeated on the Throne, with the uſual Solemnity, Mr. Aſton, Deputy Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod, was ſent with a Meſſage from Her Majeſty to the Houſe of Commons, requiring their Attendance in the Houſe of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, Her Majeſty was pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to

An Act for Securing the Church of England *as by Law eſtabliſhed.*

An Act for Repealing a Clauſe in an Act, Entituled, An Act for the better Apprehending, Proſecuting and Puniſhing Felons, that commit Burglaries, Houſe-breaking, or Robberies in Shops, Ware-Houſes, Coach-Houſes or Stables, or that ſteal Horſes.

An Act for Regulating and Aſcertaining the Duties to be paid by the Unfreemen, Importers of Coals into the Port and Borough of Great Yarmouth *in the County of* Norfolk.

An Act to enable the Lord High Treaſurer, or Commiſſioners of the Treaſury for the time being, to Compound with Benjamin Nicoll, *Citizen and late Merchant of* London, *and his Sureties, for the Debt owing by him to Her Majeſty.*

Madrid, Febr. 1. *N. S.* The Duke of Berwick went from hence the 23d paſt to view the ſeveral fortified Places on the Frontiers of Valentia and Arragon, and to give Directions for their being ſupplied with the neceſſary Stores of Proviſions and Ammunition, and put into a Poſture of Defence. The Marquis de Bay, who commands our Army in Eſtramadura, is likewiſe providing the Frontier Towns on that ſide with Neceſſaries for their Defence, and repairing their Fortifications. He has ordered a Fort to be built near the Tejo, over againſt Alcantara, to cover the Bridge of that Place. The Duke of Anjou has lately given the Prince of Serclaes Tilly the Title of Viceroy of Arragon, which he has already of Navarre. He has made the Marquis de Val Guerra Gentleman of his Chamber, Don Franciſco de Melo Major-General of the Foot in Eſtramadura, and Don Luis d'Arias a Brigadier-General. It was given out the 29th paſt, That the Dutcheſs of Anjou is with Child; upon which there have been publick Rejoycings.

Rome, Jan. 29. The Courier which the Pope had diſpatched to the Court of Vienna, upon the Occaſion of the Contributions demanded of his Subjects in the Boloneſe and Ferrareſe by the Imperialiſts, returned hither the 27th Inſtant, with ſuch an Anſwer as gives us Hopes that thoſe Demands will be moderated: However we hear that the Imperialiſts have lately taken Winter Quarters in thoſe two Provinces. The Congregation appointed to review the Matters in Diſpute concerning the double Election of a Biſhop of Munſter, which has already been determined by a great majority in a late Congregation in favour of the Biſhop of Paderborn, met the 27th, and adjourned for a Fortnight, at the Requeſt of thoſe who appear for the Biſhop of Oſnabrug, they alledging, that they had not yet all their Papers ready. The Venetian Ambaſſador continues at Fraſcati, ſtill refuſing to comply with the Ceremonial lately eſtabliſhed, in regard to the Civilities that are to paſs between the Ambaſſadors reſiding here and the Cardinals; and the Senate of Venice have declared, that they will recall him if this Court inſiſts upon having theſe new Regulations obſerved.

Venice, Febr. 4. The Duke of Mantua, not thinking himſelf ſafe in his Town of Mantua, which is in a manner blocked up by the Confederate Troops, is come to Padua, and he is ſuddenly expected here, to partake of the Diverſions of the Carnaval. The Prince d'Elbeuf is lately arrived here from Vienna, and intends in a Day or two to proceed towards Milan. They write from Guaſtalla, That ſeveral French Deſerters were come thither from Mantua, who gave an Account, That 300 Granadiers and 500 Horſe of the Confederate Troops, who are quartered at San Martino del Argine, near Bozolo, marched from thence lately to Oſpitaletto, where were 50 French, whom they put to the Sword: Thence they proceeded to Caſtellaccio, where 500 of the Enemy were poſted, behind a good Intrenchment, with two Pieces of Cannon, to cover their Quarters on that ſide; who having Intelligence of the Approach of the Confederate Troops, had put themſelves into a Poſture of Defence, and at firſt repulſed the Granadiers; but the Horſe diſmounting, and coming to their Aſſiſtance, they ſoon got into the Enemy's Works, and having killed about 150 of them, the reſt laid down their Arms, and ſurrendred themſelves Priſoners of War. The Caſtle of Modena, which ſtill holds out, tho' the Imperialiſts have been ſome time in poſſeſſion of the Town, is vigorouſly attacked, 3 Batteries playing continually upon it; and by ſome Deſerters from thence there is Advice, That the Gariſon is not above 500 ſtrong, and very ſickly, and that their Ammunition begins to fall ſhort; ſo that the Place cannot defend it ſelf much longer. A Body of Imperialiſts is advanced to Chiaravalle in the Country of Bologna, which it is ſaid they intend to make a Place of Arms, in order to open a Communication with the Abruzzo, where the Inhabitants are generally well affected to the Houſe of Auſtria.

Milan, Febr. 8 Prince Eugene returned hither the 28th paſt from Turin, The 27th the Gariſon of our Caſtle made a Sally towards one of our Suburbs, and having ſet fire to two or three Houſes, returned with ſome Plunder, but with the Loſs of many of their Men, who took this Opportunity to deſert; and a French Lieutenant, with ſeveral private Men, did the like the Day following. The Ceſſation of Arms between this City and the Caſtle expiring the 2d Inſtant, the Marquis de Florida, Governor of that Gariſon, ſent a Meſſage the next Day to our Magiſtrates, demanding a freſh Supply of Proviſions and other Neceſſaries; who immediately acquainting Prince Eugene therewith, in order to receive his Directions, his Highneſs forbad them to give any, and ſent Word to the Governor, That he ought to treat with him, who had ſufficient Authority for that purpoſe; which the Marquis refuſing to do, and threatening to fire upon the Town, every thing was diſpoſed in the beſt manner that could be for the preventing of Miſchief, in caſe he had done it: But the 5th in the Morning he conſented to treat with his Highneſs; and Deputies being appointed on each ſide for that purpoſe, they met the 6th; but the Governor's Demands being too exceſſive, the Conferences were broke off, and the Hoſtilities renewed: However he has not yet begun to batter the Town. Orders have thereupon been given to haſten the Preparations for attacking the Caſtle on that ſide that is next the Country; for which purpoſe 10000 Imperialiſts are arrived in our Neighbourhood, and more ſhortly expected, with a further Supply of Artillery and Ammunition.

Zolkiow, Jan. 19. The Crown General, and others of the Chief Nobility of Poland, who lately came hither to wait upon the Czar, having had ſeveral Conferences with him and his Miniſters, ſet out from hence the 17th Inſtant for Lemberg, whither the Czar is alſo gone. The great Council to be held there continues fixed for the 7th of next Month; and Circular Letters are iſſued, requiring the ſeveral Palatinates to ſend their Deputies thither. Orders are ſent to Dubna, where the chief Body of the Muſcovite Forces is at preſent, for them to march towards the Weiſſel.

Grodno, Jan. 19. Prince Wieſnowiski, Great General of Lithuania, arrived here the 8th Inſtant: The Biſhop of Smolensko, and ſeveral others of the Nobility of Poland and Lithuania, are alſo come hither, and have frequent Meetings, to conſult upon the Meaſures to be taken in the preſent Conjuncture. Monſieur Duzko, the Czar's Reſident at Petersbourg, is likewiſe come from thence with Letters from his Maſter to Prince Wieſnowisky, wherein he promiſes him powerful Succours both of Men and Money.

Vienna, Febr. 8. By our laſt Letters from Hungary, General Staremberg continued his March from Gran, as General Rabutin did his from Buda, in order to join, which they will probably do about Alba Regalis; and after they have refreſhed their Forces, we hope to reap good Fruits from this Junction. The Emperor has lately written to ſeveral Princes of the Empire, to exhort them to furniſh their Quota's of Men, Artillery, *&c.* early in the Spring. Count Straatman, who was the Emperor's Ambaſſador at the Treaty of Ryſwick, and ſince his Imperial Majeſty's Envoy in Poland, died here the third Inſtant.

Dreſden, Febr. 16. The Electoral Prince arrived at Leipſick the 7th Inſtant from Lichtenberg. King Auguſtus went that Day to viſit the King of Sweden at Alt-Ranſtad, from whence their Majeſties came in the Evening to Leipſick; and the King of Sweden viſited the Queen our Electreſs. The 11th the Electoral Prince returned to Lichtenberg. The Electreſs Dowager continues in that Place. The Deputies of the States of this Electorate are frequently in Conference together, to conſider of the Means of raiſing the Contributions demanded of them by the King of Sweden. The new Levies for his Majeſty's Service are carried on with great Application.

Francfort, Febr. 16. The Margrave of Bareith has ſent a further Reinforcement of a Battalion of Foot, and ſeveral Pieces of Cannon, to Landau; all poſſible Care and Diligence are uſed to put that Place into a good Poſture of Defence, and all our other Poſts into ſo good a Condition, that we may be out of all Danger of any Surprize from the Enemy, who continue their Preparations in Alſace with great Application.

Hamburgh, Febr. 18. Letters from Poland give an Account, That the Czar arrived the 13th paſt at Lemberg, where, having ſtaid two or three Days, and conferred with the Poliſh Nobility there, he returned afterwards to Zolkiow; and that 10000 of his Troops were marching towards Warſaw.

Hague, Feb. 22. *N. S.* Mr. Stepney, Her Majeſty of Great Britain's Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, returned hither two Days ago from Caſſel. Monſieur d'Auvergueque, whoſe coming hither has been delayed by his being indiſpoſed, being now perfectly recovered, is ſhortly expected here: And